

co-chair for EMU's United Way Campus Wide Drive, helping raise over \$100,000, and served on the EMU Planning Committee for Michigan Women's American Council on Education's annual meeting. She has had a tremendous impact on the direction of higher education in Michigan, and her hard work and expertise will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Marge Preston for her distinguished career in higher education. Ms. Preston has effectively served the State of Michigan and its students through her work with the state's public universities.

CONGRATULATING LUKE ALLEN  
OF THE CALVARY LUTHERAN  
LIONS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Luke Allen from the Calvary Lutheran Lions for his first place win in the long jump and triple jump at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Boys Track and Field State Championship.

Luke and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Luke Allen for a job well done.

HONORING WESTERN SPRINGS  
VILLAGE MANAGER PAT HIGGINS  
ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Village Manager Patrick Higgins who is retiring after 40 years of service to the Western Springs community.

Pat Higgins began his career in Western Springs as an intern during his time at Northern Illinois University, where he received both a Master of Arts and Doctorate in Public Administration. Over the years he worked his way through various administrative positions and was named village manager in 2000. His 17 years in this top position make him the longest-serving manager in village history.

Pat Higgins has also been active as an educator and has served on numerous public service committees in Chicagoland. Since 2011, he has taught as an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Northwestern University. He has served as president of the Chicago Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and is the current chair of the Cook/DuPage Smart Transportation Corridors Committee and the West Central Municipal Conference's Transportation Committee. Higgins was the recipient of the 2008 and 2015 Northern Illinois University Outstanding Alumnus Award in Public Administration.

Over the years I have had the opportunity to work with Pat both in my role as a Represent-

ative and also as a resident of Western Springs. I have always admired his long dedication to the village and the region, as well as his passion for teaching. He is very thoughtful and knowledgeable person who has given a great deal as a public servant. His leadership has been a major asset to the community. I am pleased to congratulate Pat, and his wife Karron, on his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Western Springs Village Manager Patrick Higgins for his public service. He is well deserving of praise for the energy he has dedicated to improving the community. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ERNEST R. GRECCO

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ernest "Ernie" R. Grecco on being honored for his fifty-five years of service to the labor movement next Tuesday evening, August 15, in Baltimore. I have known and worked closely with Ernie, who serves as President of the Baltimore Metro AFL-CIO, for thirty years. He is one of the toughest advocates for working men and women I've ever met, who has dedicated his life and his career to achieving better pay and conditions for workers and opportunity for their families in Maryland.

Ernie has worked on behalf of labor in Maryland since 1970, when he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of what was then the Distillery Workers Local 34-D. In 1976, he became Committee on Political Education (COPE) Director for the Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO. He went on to lead the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO COPE from 1983-1987 before taking the helm in Baltimore. Since that time, whenever working people in the greater Baltimore area have had a challenge to overcome, Ernie's been there, leading the way and bringing to bear the forces of organized labor and its allies. Under his leadership, the Baltimore Metro AFL-CIO has expanded programs for job training, placement, and community service.

Ernie also became involved in making his community a better place by serving as the Secretary of the United Way of Maryland from 1992 until this year. He also received the Samuel Gompers Award from the American Red Cross and the Joseph Beirne Award from the United Way of America. In 1995, the International Association of Firefighters Local 734 and Local 964 established the Grecco Labor Award in Ernie's honor.

I'm proud to stand with Ernie and the hard-working men and women of labor to advocate for better wages, better conditions, and greater opportunities for all our people to make it in America. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Ernie on this well deserved honor and thanking him for his service and contributions to Maryland and our country.

CONGRATULATING MIKAYLA REED  
OF THE WASHINGTON BLUE JAYS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mikayla Reed of the Washington Blue Jays for her first place win in the 1600 and 3200 meter run at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Mikayla and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mikayla Reed on a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize one of the most influential members of the women's suffrage movement.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, New York in 1815. From a young age, Stanton showed interest in pressing social issues affecting American society, which would eventually drive her to become a force for change. At her father's law office, she witnessed the inequitable laws restricting women's freedom and abilities to inherit property. As a young mother, Stanton advocated for equal education and freedom of expression for all of her children, no matter their gender. Stanton was also heavily involved with the abolitionist movement; however, frustration over the exclusion of women from many of the local meetings and proceedings led her to focus her efforts on a different mission.

Along with fellow reformer Susan B. Anthony, Stanton launched a crusade to ensure that women's rights were brought to the forefront of national debate. While Anthony served as the movement's public face, Stanton remained behind the scenes, guiding the movement's direction and agenda.

Perhaps Stanton's most defining moment was the delivery of her Declaration of Sentiments at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, the first women's rights conference ever held in the United States. At the convention, Stanton recited a familiar testimony with a subtle yet resonant sentiment, "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal".

In the years following the Civil War, Stanton continued her work for women's suffrage, serving as the president of the National Women's Suffrage Association from 1865 to 1893. In 1866, she ran for a Congressional seat in New York and received the first votes ever cast for a female candidate.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton passed away in 1902, seventeen years prior to the enactment of the 19th amendment. Her dedication to removing the barriers of gender inequality exists